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FLAIR AND STING TO UNIFY TITLES AT CLASH

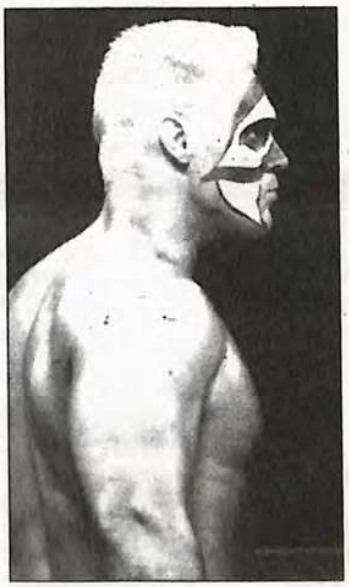
The controversy surrounding the WCW International heavyweight title, a championship not recognized by the editors of PWI WEEKLY, should finally be put to rest at Clash of the Champions XXVII on June 23 in North Charleston, South Carolina, when **Sting** puts that title on the line in a unification match against WCW World champion **Ric Flair**.

The winner of that bout will be declared WCW World champion, with the two belts unified from that point on.

As important as the Sting-Flair match is, however, it might be overshadowed by **Hulk Hogan's** first appearance at a WCW card. The "Hulkster" officially signed with the federation last week and was welcomed into WCW with a parade in Orlando, Florida.

Hogan will not wrestle at the Clash, but is scheduled to be on hand at the Coliseum. Both Sting and Flair insist that they are focusing on the match, not Hogan's appearance.

"Hulk is a great guy," said Sting. "I had fun working with him on *Thunder In Paradise*, but this is one of the most important matches of my life. I don't care for Flair's attitude lately, and this is my chance to do something about it.



Sting

Ric Flair

"I welcome Hulk into WCW, but I can't worry about his plans. I intend to leave Charleston as WCW World champion. Only then will I worry about what happens next."

The "Nature Boy" wasn't as diplomatic about Hogan's scheduled Clash appearance.

"Why should I care if Hogan will be at the Clash?" he said. "Does he expect me to organize a welcoming committee? I don't care about him or his Hulkamaniacs. After he sees what I do to Sting at the Clash, he won't want any part of me!"

Hogan says he wants to wrestle the winner of the Flair-Sting Clash bout at Bash at the Beach, WCW's July 17 pay-per-view.

"That's right, brother, I'm just aching to have a championship belt around my waist again," said Hogan. "It would be a pleasure to wrestle Sting if it came to that, but the 'Hulkster' is also ready for Flair."

For Hogan to receive the title shot at Bash at the Beach, he would have to be declared the number-one contender by WCW Commissioner **Nick Bockwinkel** and the board of directors.

"It's too early to say who that is now," said Bockwinkel. "We have to look at the outcome of Ric Flair-Sting match and take it from there. Even though Mr. Hogan has not yet wrestled in WCW, we will consider his past record as we attempt to determine the best challenger."

The editors of PWI WEEKLY have analyzed the five matches on the Clash card. Here are our comments and consensus selections:

Tex Slazenger vs. The Guardian Angel: Some people say **Big Bossman**, er **The Boss**, er **The Man**, er The Guardian Angel is going through an identity crisis. We won't argue that point, but he does seem comfortable in his new role as a Guardian Angel and is wrestling with confidence again. Tex is always tough, but rarely victorious. Bet the house on this one. ***Prediction: Angel.***

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WRESTLER OF THE WEEK

Duke "The Dumpster" Droese

The garbage is piling up in the WWF. That's the kind of thing WWF fan favorites might say when discussing all the despicable rulebreakers in the federation. **Yokozuna**, **Owen Hart**, **Crush**, **Diesel**, **Jeff Jarrett** ... they've all committed heinous deeds in the WWF recently.

But there's a man in the federation now who plans on cleaning up the WWF's garbage. **Duke "The Dumpster" Droese** (formerly known as **The Garbage Man**) is competing in the WWF full-time and is already taking aim at several rulebreakers.

This week, Droese scored convincing victories over **Bastion Booger** and **Adam Bomb**. They may not be the best wrestlers in the WWF, but Bomb is wrestling much better since splitting with manager **Harvey Wippleman**. And anyone who steps into the ring with the unpredictable and disgusting Booger deserves credit.

"Droese is wrestling real smart," said one WWF fan favorite. "He has the raw skills to do well, but if he were to challenge Yokozuna or Crush or some other top rulebreaker, he might embarrass himself and lose badly. But he isn't doing that. He's slowly working his way into contention."

Droese, of course, had the dubious distinction of being ranked last in the most recent "*PWI* 500." Both Bomb and Booger were rated more than 150 spots higher! "The Dumpster's" standing figures to improve quite a bit the next time those rankings come out.

This former sanitation worker would undoubtedly make more headlines if he challenged more established stars, but taking on competitors like Bomb and Booger right now should pay off in the long run.

Watch out, WWF garbage!

MATCH OF THE WEEK

When Smoky Mountain Wrestling's **Tracey Smothers** came to the ring in Morristown, Tennessee, on June 11, he was hoping to destroy his arch-rival, **Bruiser Bedlam**, in a coal miner's glove match.

Smothers never got the chance.

Bedlam couldn't make the card, but his manager, **Jim Cornette**, had another plan. He used **Killer Kyle** as a substitute. But Smothers apparently was looking for a greater challenge. He conferred with referee **Mark Curtis** and decided to take on both Kyle *and* Cornette.

Cornette reluctantly agreed, but he lived to regret the decision. Nothing he and Kyle tried worked. Kyle wore down Smothers with a series of punches and kicks, but when Cornette held Tracey so Kyle could hit him, Smothers ducked and Kyle accidentally clobbered his manager.

For some reason, though, the two rulebreakers tried the same move later in the match, this time with Kyle holding Smothers. Again it failed: Cornette smashed his protege in the face!

With both Kyle and Cornette dazed, Smothers seized his opportunity to grab the coal miner's glove, which was sitting on top of a pole. He climbed the pole, grabbed the glove, and kayoed Kyle. Cornette charged into the ring as Smothers covered Kyle. He tried an elbowdrop, but Smothers moved and Cornette landed on Kyle.

Smothers laid on top of both men and got a three-count. Once again, Cornette proved he is no wrestler!

YAY & NAY

A "Yay" to the WWF for deciding to let World champion **Bret Hart** face **Owen Hart** in a series of steel cage matches. While some consider the move unnecessary, this sibling rivalry remains one of the WWF's most fascinating feuds. It will be interesting to see two of the federation's top wrestlers go at it in this new environment. Can Bret continue to dominate his younger brother in a cage? We'll find out in coming months.

A "Nay" to **Skull Von Crush** for showing he's no friend of the handicapped. At an independent card in West Hartford, Connecticut, this classless, obnoxious Nazi sympathizer actually tried to trip a handicapped man sitting at ringside. How low can one get? While the handicapped have never wanted to be patronized by others, they also don't wish to be taken advantage of simply because of their conditions. Thankfully, justice was served when **Ivan Koloff** conquered Von Crush in a Russian chain match.

A "Yay" to the wrestlers and promoters of the American Wrestling Federation for holding a benefit card in Columbus, Ohio, to raise funds for a child with leukemia. Wrestlers have long participated in efforts like these to help their communities, and they frankly don't get the credit they deserve for their charity work. We're always delighted to see the wrestling community contribute to causes like these. Let's hope other federations will follow suit.

A "Nay" to **Junior Wright** of All State Wrestling for turning against his partner. At a card in Maryville, Tennessee, Wright and **Russell Thompson** were taking on **Black Shadow** and **The Shogun**. Things were going well until Wright decided not to protect his partner, enabling Shogun to collect the pin. The good news is that Thompson gained some revenge later in the card when he and **Bobby B** teamed to defeat Wright and **Charlie Long**. Sadly, we doubt Wright will get the message.

THIS WEEK

June 18-24. All dates subject to change.

SAT/18	SUN/19	MON/20	TUE/21	WED/22	THU/23	FRI/24
PWF: Forest City, NC **SMW:** Johnson City, TN **USWA:** Nashville, TN; Marked Tree, AR **WWF:** Philadelphia, PA; Shamokin, PA	**WWF:** Baltimore, MD	**USWA:** Memphis, TN **WWF:** White Plains, NY	**USWA:** Louisville, KY **WCW:** Savannah, GA **WWF:** Wilkes-Barre, PA	**USWA:** Evansville, IN **WWF:** Poughkeepsie, NY	**USWA:** Hardinsburg, KY **WCW:** Charleston, SC **WWF:** Belleville, Ontario; Suisun City, CA	**ECW:** Philadelphia, PA **GWF:** Dallas, TX **PWF:** Hiddinite, NC **SMW:** Fallberg, KY **WCW:** Charlotte, NC **USWA:** Batesville, MS **WWF:** Hull, Quebec; Stockton, CA

THIS WEEK: WWF has the King Of The Ring and WCW has a Clash of the Champions, but the week's most intriguing matchup occurs at Friday's ECW card in Philadelphia. That's because two of the most maniacal wrestlers around, Cactus Jack and Sabu, meet for the first time. Both have cult followings because of their often-masochistic ring demeanor. Cactus can't wait. "Sabu is as off the wall as me," he says. "He's never wrestled anyone like me. Man, is he in for a treat!" So are the fans.

•The latest Clash of the Champions features WCW World champion Ric Flair battling Sting Thursday in Charleston, South Carolina.
•Bret Hart defends his WWF belt at "King Of The Ring" Sunday in Baltimore against Diesel. Owen Hart and Razor Ramon headline the eight-man elimination tournament.
•The USWA has a 14-man blindfold battle royal at its card Thursday in Hardinsburg, Kentucky; the winner collects $2,500.

REPORTERS' NOTEBOOK

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK: I had seen The Kid two days before in Baltimore when the WWF held its Hall of Fame inductions, and he seemed as excited as a child let loose in a candy store. That enthusiasm held true at the Convention Center here, as Kid conquered Kwang the Ninja on the "WrestleMania Revenge Tour." Kid studies the art of wrestling perhaps more than anyone else in the WWF, so he obviously is serious about becoming a better and better wrestler. He spent quite a bit of time in Baltimore talking strategy with the old-timers. That devotion to his craft is succeeding. It should pay off in the near future ... perhaps with an Intercontinental title.

—Matt Brock

WEST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT: This NWF Championship Professional Wrestling card was a strange one. The Masked Executioners wrestled *without masks* (losing to the U.S.A. Express), my pal Wendi Richter is bigger than ever (lay off the chicken fried steak, hon), and Nikolai Volkoff no-showed for his match with Ivan Koloff. I guess we can thank "Million-Dollar Man" Ted DiBiase, his "owner," for that. In Nikolai's place was the despicable Skull Von Crush, late of the USWA, "heils" and all. Even worse, he had the gall to try to trip a handicapped man at ringside. Fortunately, he lost to Koloff. Even if DiBiase had demanded it, I doubt if Volkoff would have done *that.*

—Liz Hunter

COLUMBUS, OHIO: I wasn't familiar with either AWF light heavyweight champion The Dark Rider or challenger Biff Beverly, but people in the know here told me that they really go after each other every chance they get. After watching them, I believe every word of it. Their battle spilled outside of the ring at the East Rock Cafe—and out of the building, for that matter. The two went into the parking lot and eventually worked their way into a trash dumpster, of all places. If Duke "The Dumpster" Droese had been on the premises, both wrestlers might now be history. It might have been interesting to see him try to stuff one of the wrestlers into the trash can he carries to the ring.

—Eddie Ellner

MORRISTOWN, TENNESSEE: How long can Jake "The Snake" Roberts remain atop the Smoky Mountain? Obviously the answer would be "not long," if you asked Tony Anthony. It was, of course, Anthony whom Roberts beat for the SMW belt in May. And he was only able to do that with a little help from Kendo the Samurai. It'd be easy to question the "Dirty White Boy's" decision to pursue a feud with Kendo rather than demand more title matches with Roberts. Anthony could still have the last laugh. He has beaten Kendo numerous times. If he does regain the title from Jake, Kendo will have a hard time arguing he deserves a title shot.

—Andy Rodriguez

STEVE ANDERSON'S VIEW

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

June 21, 1981

Dusty Rhodes defeats Harley Race at The Omni in Atlanta to capture the NWA World heavyweight title. The match (which lasted 16:55) begins Rhodes' second reign with the belt. It would last just under three months before the "American Dream" was defeated by Ric Flair in Kansas City, Missouri.

A FAN'S VIEW

I'm happy to see Capt. Lou Albano back in wrestling, but I'm *not* happy to see The Headshrinkers with the WWF World tag team belts. What does it say about the WWF tag team situation when Fatu and Samu can win the title?

Remember WrestleMania IX? The Headshrinkers were completely outclassed by Rick and Scott Steiner at that event, and on many other cards. They also struggled against The Smokin' Gunns, a team that hasn't accomplished much in the year they've been in the WWF.

Now all of a sudden The Headshrinkers are on top. The Quebecers aren't presenting much of a challenge, because they don't even get along anymore. What I can't understand is why none of wrestling's great tag teams are heading to the WWF.

The Steiners could rule the federation if they came back. So could The Nasty Boys. Moving to the WWF could be a great move for Jerry Sags and Brian Knobs.

They just completed an impressive reign as WCW World tag team champions and did very well in the WWF before. In fact, if not for the interference of guest referee Dave Schultz at Slamboree, the Nastys would *still* be champs.

Wouldn't it be great to see the Nastys and the Steiners renewing their old rivalry and battling for the WWF tag team title? Instead we fans are forced to settle for two savages wrestling a couple of cocky Canadians.

The Headshrinkers might have Capt. Lou in their corner and the belts around their waists, but that doesn't make them great.

—Ron Narber

(The writer is a wrestling fan from Pontiac, Michigan. If you would like to contribute to this space, send your comments of about 250 words to "A Fan's View," c/o PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY, Box 956, Fort Washington, PA 19034. All submissions are subject to editing for clarity and length.)

TRANSACTIONS

DEBUTED: Wendi Richter, in NWF Championship Professional Wrestling.

Rick Martel, in River City Wrestling.

GONE: Manager Sir Ronald J. Niemi IV, from the Florida Wrestling Alliance. Niemi agreed to leave the federation if "Bad Boy" Jeff Bradley and Billy Mack, whom he manages, lost a match to The Garbage Man (not the WWF wrestler) and Randy Fuller, which they did.

INDUCTED: Fred Blassie, Bobo Brazil, James Dudley, Gorilla Monsoon, Buddy Rogers, Arnold Skaaland, and Chief Jay Strongbow, into the WWF Hall of Fame. The induction ceremonies took place at the Omni Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore on June 9.

MOVED: Skull Von Crush, to NWF Championship Professional Wrestling. He had been competing in the USWA.

RETURNED: The Barbarian and "The Genius" Lanny Poffo, both to the WWF.

WON: The World League Wrestling American light heavyweight title, by Lord Zoltan, on June 10 in Hundred, West Virginia. He defeated Chris Hamrick.

The USWA Southern title, by "Dream Machine" Troy Graham, on June 6 in Memphis. He defeated Brian Christopher.

WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT

Tony Anthony

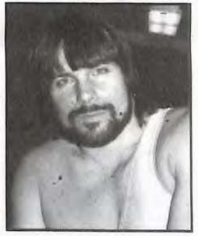
WHO'S HOT

Tony Anthony. Turning the Samurai into sushi.

Alundra Blayze. Luna, that's why the lady is the champ.

Troy Graham. This week's Southern nightmare.

Lord Zoltan. Not Regal, but a champion just the same.



Lanny Poffo

WHO'S NOT

Lanny Poffo. Want "genius"? Buy a Ray Charles CD.

Tony Atlas. Put off-key by The Honky Tonk Man.

Bam Bam Bigelow. You don't dethrone "The King" in Memphis.

Killer Kyle. Who needs Cornette as a tag partner?

TRIVIA QUIZ

THE SUBJECT: RIC FLAIR

1. Who else was in the October 1975 plane crash that injured Flair's back?
2. When did Flair return to the ring after recovering from his injury?
3. From whom did Flair capture his first NWA World title?
4. When Flair won the Missouri title in a 1983 tournament, who did he defeat?
5. In what Japanese city did Flair recapture the NWA World title from Kerry Von Erich?
6. In October 1985, Flair helped what two wrestlers break Dusty Rhodes' leg?
7. Who advised Flair upon his entry into the WWF?
8. True or false: Flair never won *PWI* Rookie of the Year honors.
9. True or false: Flair has never been ranked No. 1 in the "*PWI* 500."
10. How many *PWI* Wrestler of the Year awards has Flair captured?

ANSWERS:

1—David Crockett, Johnny Valentine, & Bob Bruggers; 2—February 1976; 3—Dusty Rhodes; 4—David Von Erich; 5—Yokosuka City; 6—Ole and Arn Anderson; 7—Bobby Heenan; 8—False; 9—True (his highest ranking has been No. 3); 10—six (1981, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1989, 1992).

RATINGS

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For period ending June 12, 1994

TOP 10

WWF World champion
1 BRET HART (1)
WCW World champion
2 RIC FLAIR (2)
3 STING (3)
No. 2 contender: WCW World title
4 OWEN HART (4)
No. 2 contender: WWF World title
5 STEVE AUSTIN (6)
WCW U.S. champion
6 BIG VAN VADER (5)
No. 3 contender: WCW World title
7 JERRY LAWLER (7)
USWA champion
8 DIESEL (–)
WWF Intercontinental champion
9 RAZOR RAMON (–)
No. 5 contender: WWF World title
10 TONY ANTHONY (–)
No. 1 contender: Smoky Mountain title

TAG TEAMS

WWF World tag team champions
1 THE HEADSHRINKERS (1)
WCW World tag team champions
2 CACTUS JACK & KEVIN SULLIVAN (2)
Smoky Mountain tag team champions
3 CHRIS CANDIDO & BRIAN LEE (4)
No. 1 contenders: WWF World tag title
4 THE QUEBECERS (3)
No. 1 contenders: WCW World tag title
5 THE NASTY BOYS (5)
No. 2 contenders: WCW World tag title
6 PAUL ORNDORFF & PAUL ROMA (6)
No. 2 contenders: WWF World tag title
7 THE ELIMINATORS (8)
USWA tag team champions
8 PUBLIC ENEMY (9)
ECW tag team champions
9 THE ROCK 'N' ROLL EXPRESS (–)
No. 1 contenders: Smoky Mountain tag title
10 GEORGE SOUTH & ITALIAN STALLION (–)
PWF tag team champions

WCW
World champion:
RIC FLAIR (C)
1—STEVE AUSTIN (1)
2—STING (2)
3—BIG VAN VADER (–)
4—RICK STEAMBOAT (8)
5—DUSTIN RHODES (5)
6—BUNKHOUSE BUCK (6)
7—ARN ANDERSON (–)
8—THE GUARDIAN ANGEL (7)
9—JOHNNY B. BADD (9)
10—ERIK WATTS (10)

WWF
World champion:
BRET HART (C)
1—DIESEL (1)
2—OWEN HART (2)
3—YOKOZUNA (5)
4—LEX LUGER (4)
5—RAZOR RAMON (3)
6—THE KID (6)
7—CRUSH (–)
8—JEFF JARRETT (–)
9—DOINK THE CLOWN (–)
10—TYPHOON (–)

USWA
USWA champion:
JERRY LAWLER (C)
1—TROY GRAHAM (2)
2—BRIAN CHRISTOPHER (1)
3—DOUG GILBERT (3)
4—BAM BAM BIGELOW (–)
5—WOLFIE D (–)
6—ANTHONY MICHAELS (–)
7—LEON DOWNS (–)
8—MIKE SAMPLES (–)
9—REGGIE B. FINE (7)
10—JERRY FAITH (–)

SMOKY MOUNTAIN
Smoky Mountain champion:
JAKE ROBERTS (C)
1—TONY ANTHONY (1)
2—TRACEY SMOTHERS (2)
3—KENDO THE SAMURAI (6)
4—CHRIS CANDIDO (5)
5—BRIAN LEE (–)
6—KILLER KYLE (7)
7—RICK MORTON (4)
8—ROBERT GIBSON (–)
9—STEVEN DUNN (–)
10—BRIAN LOGAN (–)

GLOBAL
Global champion:
TITLE HELD UP (–)
1—ROD PRICE (C)
2—BUTCH REED (1)
3—CHRIS ADAMS (–)
4—ICEMAN PARSONS (3)
5—[illegible]TION JACKSON (–)
6—BLACK PRINCE (–)
7—MARC VALIANT (–)
8—DEVON MICHAELS (–)
9—NICK GOLDEN (10)
10—CHAZ TAYLOR (–)

AMERICAN COMMONWEALTH
ACW heavyweight champion:
T. RANTULA
1—JOHNNY GUNN
2—GLEN OSBOURNE
3—JIM DUGGAN
4—RICK MARTEL
5—TITO SANTANA
6—MAX THRASHER
7—KING KONG BUNDY
8—TERRY FUNK
9—IVAN KOLOFF
10—MORGUS THE MANIAC

BECKLEY, WV, Sunday, June 12: Smoky Mountain Wrestling at the Raleigh County Armory: **The Thrillseekers** beat **Steven Dunn** & **Brian Logan** ... **Tony Anthony** defeated **Kendo the Samurai** ... **Tracey Smothers** beat **Killer Kyle** & **Jim Cornette** in a coal miner's glove match ... Tag team champions **Brian Lee** & **Chris Candido** wrestled **The Rock 'n' Roll Express** to a no-contest in a piledriver match.

—Millicent Gillingham

WEST HARTFORD, CT, Saturday, June 11: NWF Championship Professional Wrestling at Veterans Memorial Skating Rink: **U.S.A. Express** defeated **The Masked Executioners** (competing without masks) ... **Jules Strongbow** beat **The Bounty Hunter** ... **Wendi Richter** defeated **The Angel of Death** ... **Ivan Koloff** beat **Skull Von Crush** (substituting for **Nikolai Volkoff**) in a Russian chain match ... **The Honky Tonk Man** pinned **Tony Atlas** ... **Skull Von Crush** won a battle royal.

—Dan Reilly

PORT HURON, MI, Saturday, June 11: Midwest Territorial Wrestling at the McMorran Place Complex: **Sean Casey** defeated **Randy Rogers** ... **Machine Gun Kelly** beat **Scott the Rock** ... **Steve Nixon** defeated **"Lumberjack" Jake LeDuc** ... **Road Warrior Hawk** & **Bobo Brazil Jr.** beat tag team champions **The International Freedom Fighters** (**Chris Carter** & **Mohammad Saad**) by countout ... **The Missing Link** defeated **Denny Kass** ... **Doink the Clown** beat **Johnny Paradise.**

—Ernie Avery

NIAGARA FALLS, NY, Saturday, June 11: WWF "WrestleMania Revenge Tour" at the Convention Center: **Jeff Jarrett** defeated **Doink the Clown** ... **The Kid** beat **Kwang the Ninja** ... World Women's champion **Alundra Blayze** defeated **Luna Vachon** ... **Yokozuna** beat **Typhoon** ... **Lex Luger** defeated **Crush** ... World champion **Bret Hart** beat **Owen Hart.**

—Grant Kelly

COLUMBUS, OH, Saturday, June 11: American Wrestling Federation at East Rock Cafe (benefit for a child with leukemia): **The Rock 'n' Roll Cowboy** pinned **"Gentleman" James Diamond** after a bulldog headlock ... **"Wild" Bull Miller** defeated **The Texas Ranger** by submission to a cranial crush ... Light heavyweight champion **The Dark Rider** battled **Biff Beverly** to a double-countout in a non-title match. Both battled into the parking lot and into a trash dumpster.

—Jeff Gorman

DOWNINGTOWN, PA, Saturday, June 11: WWWA at the Farmers Market: In a tournament to determine a future light heavyweight champion, with the finals to be held on June 23, **Mad Russian** beat **Devon Storm** ... **Bobby Piper** defeated **Glenn Osbourne** ... **Ace Darling** beat **Mr. Motion** ... **Harley Lewis** defeated **Venom** ... **Super Nova** beat **Juggernaut** ... **Rick Ratchet** defeated **Johnny Handsome** ... Intercontinental champion **Jack Hammer** defeated **Overlord** ... **Tony Stetson** fought **Johnny Hotbody** to a double-disqualification ... Tag team champions **The Diamond Express** beat **Soul Train.**

—Dan Haney

INMAN, SC, Saturday, June 11: Pro Wrestling Federation at the Armory: **Italian Stallion** & **Troy Conyers** defeated **Terry Austin** & **Austin Steele** ... Junior heavyweight champion **Brian Williams** & **George South** wrestled to a 20-minute time-limit draw ... **Terry Austin** defeated **Troy Conyers** ... **Russian Assassin II** defeated **High Voltage** ... Intercontinental champion **Cruel Connection II** defeated **Black Scorpion.**

—Brock Chandler

KNOXVILLE, TN, Saturday, June 11: Southeastern Championship Wrestling at the River Breeze Flea Market: **Jody Ray Rivers** pinned **Eddie Bruiser** ... **"Mad Dog" Stuffy** defeated **Storm Trooper** ... **Iron Man** beat **Chic White** ... **Mike Powers** defeated **Bam Bam Christian** with the aid of a foreign object ... Heavyweight champion **Steve Flynn** beat **Mongolian Stomper** by disqualification ... **Keith Hart** & **Johnny "The Working Man" Raynor** defeated U.S. tag team champions **Chris Powers** & **Deke Rivers** in a non-title match.

—Bill Needham

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—Ron Donnelly

RICHMOND, VA, Saturday, June 11: WWF at the Coliseum: **The Smokin' Gunns** beat **The Executioners** ... **Nikolai Volkoff** beat **Sparky Plugg** ... **Duke "The Dumpster" Droese** defeated **Adam Bomb** ... World tag team champions **The Headshrinkers** defeated **The Quebecers** when **Samu** pinned **Pierre** ... **Mabel** beat **Lanny Poffo** ... **Razor Ramon** defeated **The Barbarian.**

—Michael Cheslock

BEAVER, WV, Saturday, June 11: "All-Star Fight Night" at the Fire Station: **Kid Collins** defeated **Gate Keeper** by disqualification when Keeper choked Collins with a chain ... **"Playboy" Buddy Rose** beat **"Rugged" Ryan Scott** by disqualification when **K.J. Presley** interfered.

—Jeff Gorman

CLOVERDALE, BRITISH COLUMBIA, Saturday, June 11: West Coast Championship Wrestling at the Cloverdale Fairgrounds: **The Trashman** defeated **"Dancin'" Dillon Powers** ... **Rocky Della Serra** beat **"Lightning" Buddy Wayne** ... **"Gorgeous" Michelle Starr** defeated **"Lumberjack" Johnny Canuck** in a boxing match ... **Firefighter Adrian** beat mid-heavyweight champion **Randy Tyler** by countout ... WCCW champion **Doby Gillis** battled UWA champion **"Diamond" Timothy Flowers** to a double-disqualification.

—Adam T. Dykes

DELAWARE CITY, DE, Friday, June 10: WWA at the Gunning Bedford Middle School: **Ray Odyssey** beat **Axl Rotten** ... **A.C. Connor** defeated **Ramblin' Rich** ... **Father Ed** beat **Gus the Greek** ... **The Spiders** defeated **The Super Jocks** (managed by **Eddie Reality**) ... Heavyweight champion **Frank Finnegan** (managed by **Bulldog Brower**) beat **King Kong Bundy.**

—Timothy A. Walker

FORT OGLETHORPE, GA, Friday, June 10: Tri-Star Wrestling at the Battlefield Flea Mall: **Jimmy Hodge** defeated **Jamie Strong** ... **Frank E. Lee** pinned **Joel Travis** ... **Sam Colt** beat **Mr. Vain** ... **The Jet Set** defeated **Kenny Arden** & **Roger Sartain** when **Jet Set I** pinned Sartain ... **Richie Dye** beat **Larry Santana.**

—Bill Needham

PAINTSVILLE, KY, Friday, June 10: Smoky Mountain Wrestling at Johnson Central High School: **The Thrillseekers** defeated **Well Dunn** ... **Tony Anthony** beat **Kendo the Samurai** ... **Bruiser Bedlam** defeated **Tracey Smothers** in a coal miner's glove match ... Tag team champions **Brian Lee** & **Chris Candido** battled **The Rock 'n' Roll Express** to a no-contest in a piledriver match.

—Millicent Gillingham

JACKSON, MI, Friday, June 10: Midwest Territorial Wrestling at the Optimist Sports Arena: **Bobo Brazil Jr.** defeated **Mohammad Saad** by disqualification ... **Sean Casey** beat **Randy Rogers** ... **Denny Kass** defeated **Steve Nixon** ... **Bobo Brazil Jr.** & **Andy Fish** beat tag team champions **The International Freedom Fighters** (**Mohammad Saad** & **Chris Carter**) by disqualification ... **Doink the Clown** defeated **Johnny Paradise** ... **Mike Kelly** beat **Scott Stevens.**

—Ernie Avery

BELMONT, NC, Friday, June 10: Pro Wrestling Federation at the Armory:: **Cruel Connection II** won a 10-man battle royal, last eliminating **Terry Austin** ... Tag team champions **Italian Stallion** & **George South** defeated **Austin Steele** & **Russian Assassin II** .. **Flaming Youth** defeated **High Voltage** ... Junior heavyweight champion **Brian Williams** beat **Whispering Willow** ... **Troy Conyers** beat **Gladiator II.**

—Brock Chandler

DALLAS, TX, Friday, June 10: Global Wrestling Federation at the Sportatorium: **Bo Vegas** defeated **Steven Dane** ... **Chaz Taylor** beat **Alex Porteau** by disqualification ... **Devon Michaels** defeated **Nick Golden** ... **Marc Valiant** beat **Rod Price** by disqualification ... **Chris Adams** & **Action Jackson** battled **Iceman Parsons** & **The Black Prince** to a no-contest.

—Dwight Brack

HUNDRED, WV, Friday, June 10: World League Wrestling at the High School: **Scotty McKeever** defeated **Mad Dog** ... **J.W. Idol** beat **Super Mario** ... **Buddha** defeated **The Punisher** ... **Rick Firestone** beat **Keith Davis** ... **Rock Parsons** & **Rick Firestone** defeated **Mousse** & **Chris Hamrick** ... **Tommy Rich** beat **The Nightmare** ... **Lord Zoltan** pinned American light heavyweight champion **Chris Hamrick** to win the title.

—Vern May

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MANITOBA, Friday, June 10: West Four Wrestling Alliance at Porters: **Stan Saxon** beat **Gene Swan** ... **E.Z. Rider** beat **Bruiser Bastion** ... **Robbie Royce** fought to a draw with **Brian Jewel** ... **Chi Chi Cruz** beat **Kerry Brown** ... **Rick Martel** beat **The Natural.**

—Vern May

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, Friday, June 10: River City Wrestling at The Maples Multiplex: **The Reservoir Dogs** beat **The Moondog** & **The Pink Panther** ... **The Tasmanian** beat **Sluggo Smith** ... **Dark Jason** defeated **Leatherface** ... **Bobby Jay** & **Todd Bullet** beat **Dave Petro** & **King Cobra** ... **Vance Nevada** & **Caveman Broda** beat **Dr. Doom** & **Dave Levinsky** ... Heavyweight champion **Mike Stone** pinned **Tom Steele.**

—Verne May

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, Friday, June 10: EMLL at the Arena Mexico: **Ringo Mendoza, La Fiera,** & **Dandy** defeated **Dr. Wagner Jr., Gran Markus Jr.,** & **El Hijo del Gladiator** ... **Canadian Vampire, Ultimo Dragon,** & **Atlantis** beat **Samson Duyuki, Emilio Charles Jr.,** & **Pierroth Jr.** ... **Javier Cruz** defeated **Ciclon Ramirez** in a hair-vs.-hair match.

—Fernando Higuera

RUTLAND, OH, Thursday, June 9: World League Wrestling at the Community Center: **J.W. Idol** beat **Keith Rogers** ... **Moose** defeated **The Russian Assassin** ... **Rock Parsons** beat **The Mauler** ... **Super Mario** defeated **Rick Firestone** ... Tag team champions **Rock Parsons** & **J.W. Idol** beat **Super Mario** & **Moose.**

—Michael Parsons

MARYVILLE, TN, Thursday, June 9: All State Wrestling at the Rhinestone (formerly the Junction): **Black Shadow** & **The Shogun** defeated **Russell Thompson** & **Junior Wright** when Wright turned and enabled Shogun to pin Thompson ... **Bill Marshall** pinned **Wayne Spain** ... **Bobby B** & **Russell Thompson** beat **Charlie Long** & **Junior Wright** when Bobby pinned Long ... Heavyweight champion **Tony Prichard** pinned **Roadhouse Red** ... SWA tag team champions **Rick Conners** & **Lone Star** wrestled **Billy Marshall** & **Lynn Montana** to a no-contest ... **Charlie Long** won a 12-man battle royal.

—Bill Needham

PITTSBURGH, PA, Monday, June 6: WWF at the Civic Center: **Bob Backlund** defeated **"Brooklyn Brawler" Steve Lombardi** ... **The Smokin' Gunns** beat **The Executioners** ... **Duke "The Dumpster" Droese** beat **Bastion Booger** ... **Jeff Jarrett** defeated **Doink the Clown** ... World Women's champion **Alundra Blayze** defeated **Luna Vachon** ... **Razor Ramon** defeated **The Barbarian** ... **Lex Luger** beat **Crush.**

—Marc Breault

MEMPHIS, TN, Monday, June 6: USWA at the Mid-South Coliseum: **Reggie B. Fine** beat **Jerry Faith** ... **Anthony Michaels** defeated **Leon Downs** ... **Mike Samples** defeated **Brian Logan** ... **Anthony Michaels, Jerry Faith,** & **Brian Logan** beat **Mike Samples, Leon Downs,** & **Reggie B. Fine** ... Tag team champions **The Eliminators** defeated **Spellbinder** & **Jeff Gaylord** ... **Doug Gilbert** defeated **Wolfie D** ... **Troy Graham** pinned Southern champion **Brian Christopher** to win the title ... Heavyweight champion **Jerry Lawler** defeated **Bam Bam Bigelow** by disqualification when **Troy Graham** and **Doug Gilbert** interfered ... **Wolfie D** won a 10-man blindfold battle royal, last eliminating **The Eliminators.**

—Mark Mitchell

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COVER STORY

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Larry Zbyszko vs. Lord Steven Regal: They meet yet again! Zbyszko beat then-TV champ Regal in a non-title bout at Slamboree, then won the belt at a TV taping. It's hard to believe he's dominated Lord Steven that way after several years away from the ring. Regal is resourceful and will probably get his manager, **Sir William**, to help him regain the title. Zbyszko looks great, but beating Regal again might be asking too much. ***Prediction: Regal.***

Steve Austin vs. Johnny B. Badd: Another rematch from Slamboree. Badd came close to pinning Austin several times at Slamboree, but the U.S. champion rallied to win. Badd has not been as jovial as usual and seems determined to beat Austin. That will work in his favor. **Col. Robert Parker**, Austin's manager, and **Ming**, his bodyguard, won't. Both will be ready to interfere. If Badd can't neutralize them, he stands little chance of winning. ***Prediction: Austin.***

Cactus Jack & Kevin Sullivan vs. The Nasty Boys: Jerry Sags and **Brian Knobs** are still seething about the way they lost the World tag team title. This is their chance for revenge. This rematch will have conventional rules (i.e. falls will *not* count anywhere). That favors the Nastys. They have wrestled together for years and anticipate each other's moves well. Jack and Sullivan have the edge when matches turn into wild brawl, but if Sags and Knobs keep the match in the ring, where they are adept at breaking rules, they should triumph. ***Prediction: Nastys.***

Ric Flair vs. Sting: This bout has Match of the Year potential. Both men are wrestling as well as they have in years and a convincing win here could set up a confrontation with Hogan. This factor could work against Flair. He obviously wants to avenge losses to Hogan several years ago in the WWF. If he is looking ahead to that possible matchup, Sting will definitely beat him. Our guess is the "Nature Boy" will use his disdain for the "Hulkster" to his own advantage and capitalize on a mistake by Sting deep into the bout. ***Prediction: Flair.*** ☐

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